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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : R. Vesely *et al.*

SERIAL NO. : 10/644,787

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FOR : STRAINS OF BACTERIA AND PHARMACEUTICAL
COMPOSITION CONTAINING ONE OR MORE OR
SUCH STRAINS AND USE OF SAME FOR
PREVENTING AND TREATING DISEASES
ASSOCIATED WITH OR CAUSED BY ALTERED
METABOLISM OF BILE ACIDS

GROUP ART UNIT : Unassigned

EXAMINER : Unassigned

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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47 AND DECLARATION BY ZEBAL ALI

SIR:

I, Zeba Ali, hereby declare that I sent a declaration for execution to co-inventor Claudio De Simone on March 3, 2004 at his last known address of Via Nuoro 10, 10040 Ardea, Italy. On March 15, 2004, I received a letter from Victor N. Balancia, who I understand is legal counsel for Claudio De Simone, expressing indicating that Claudio De Simone would not sign a declaration in the present application. Accordingly, Applicant Marco Vesely has reason to believe that Claudio De Simone will not join in the present application and therefore the present application is being made by Marco Vesely on behalf of himself and Claudio De Simone.

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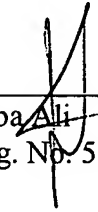
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The Office is authorized to charge the petition fee under §1.17(h), and any other fees, to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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Declaration and Power of Attorney

As a below named inventor or legal representative of a deceased inventor, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe, or upon information and belief, believe that Renata Maria Anne Cavaliere Vesely and Claudio De Simone are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **STRAINS OF BACTERIA AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION CONTAINING ONE OR MORE OF SUCH STRAINS AND USE OF SAME FOR PREVENTING AND TREATING DISEASES ASSOCIATED WITH OR CAUSED BY ALTERED METABOLISM OF BILE ACIDS.**

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to us which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventors' certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventors' certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Italian Application No. MI96A000468 filed March 11, 1996

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, 112, We acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to us to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

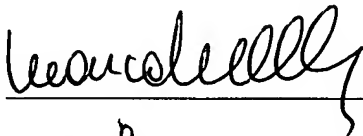
We hereby appoint the attorneys of law firm Kenyon and Kenyon, including Zeba Ali, as identified by the following customer number, with full power to prosecute the instant application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business before the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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